WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is an eight-week course that will challenge you to claim your faith as your own and learn about the history of the church. In addition to attending all eight classes, you will be asked to memorize scriptures and complete pages in this student guide to help you learn more about your faith. Upon completion of Confirmation, you will be given an opportunity to be baptized and our church will celebrate you on Confirmation Sunday. You must complete all eight weeks in our workbook, memorize all scriptures and complete all handbook responses to be confirmed.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

January 16th: Who is God?
January 23rd: Who is Jesus?
January 30th: The Holy Spirit
February 6th: The Holy Trinity
February 13th: Sin & Grace
February 20th: Salvation
February 27th: Experiencing God
March 6th: Spiritual Gifts
March 11th: Confirmation Banquet
March 13th: Confirmation Sunday
WELCOME TO CONFIRMATION!

In Confirmation, we will be equipping you to claim your faith as your own. Not your parents, grandparents, or friends but your faith. Through this class, each of you have an opportunity to be confirmed. Being confirmed means you are making the decision to follow Jesus for yourself. To be confirmed, you must complete ALL eight of the lessons in your student guides. This includes some take home activities and memory verses.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS A WEEK?

If you miss a week of confirmation, don’t sweat it! You will still need to complete your student workbook and memorize the scriptures for that week, but you can watch the lesson you missed online. You can either head to ginghamsburg.org/students to find the lesson videos or email jgroppi@ginghamsburg.org and we will send you the links to the messages.
CONFIRMATION BANQUET

The confirmation banquet is an opportunity for students who have completed all the assigned assignments to be celebrated by family and friends. At our confirmation banquet, we will have a formal dinner, a time for students to share their testimonies and give students an opportunity to be baptized. This banquet is on Thursday, March 10, 2022.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday is an opportunity for all confirmed students to be celebrated on the main stage during our worship celebrations. During this time on stage, students will accept their confirmation vows to declare Jesus Christ as our savior, accept freedom/power and renounce wickedness. Confirmation Sunday is March 13, 2022.
LESSON 1: “THE HOLY TRINITY”

- EXPLORE -

Genesis 1:26; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30-36

- REFLECT -

Understanding God
Write a sentence to describe each of the following words:

Father/Creator

Son/Christ

Holy Spirit

God
- C R E A T E -

Three Logos in One
A logo is an image that captures an idea or an experience. Use the space provided to design three logos, one for each part of the Trinity. Then design a logo that combines parts of all three, turning your three logos into one.

Hint: A logo can be as simple or as complex as you want. Need some inspiration? Think about your favorite brands and products.

Logo Design Tips:
- Logos should be simple.
- Logos should tell a story.
- Logos should be memorable.
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2) 
3)
LESSON 1: "THE HOLY TRINITY"
TAKE HOME ASSIGNMENT

-NEXT-

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2) 

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Take these three questions to an adult you know and trust. This could be a parent, grandparent, uncle, or someone from church. Ask them to help you answer these three questions. Note, you may not find clear answers for ALL your questions but work with an adult to find them! Write down below, some answers or some conversations you had:

1) 

2) 

3)
- BIBLE VERSE MEMORIZATION -

Before the next confirmation class, work on memorizing this verse:

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
LESSON 2: “WHO IS GOD?”

-EXPLORE-


-REFLECT-

Reflections of Job
Describe a time when you experienced God at work in your life.
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Explore


Reflect

Reflections of Job

Describe a time when you experienced God at work in your life.

Create

Job’s Prayer Journal

Reflect on the story of Job. What do you think he would have prayed to God throughout the various scenes of his life?

Use your imagination and write what you think Job would have prayed in each scene from his story.

1. Job is wealthy, healthy, and surrounded by his family.

2. Job loses his wealth and his family.

3. Job’s health begins to fail.
4. Job’s friends come to visit and blame him for his condition.

5. God appears to Job in a whirlwind.

6. Job’s fortunes are restored.
LESSON 2: “WHO IS GOD?”
TAKE HOME ASSIGNMENT

Read the ENTIRE Book of Job. If possible, read it in one sitting. Then go online and search for “the story of Job” to find out more on this ancient story. Spend some time journaling below reflecting on what this story teaches you about God:
Journaling Continued…

BIBLE VERSE MEMORIZATION –

Before the next confirmation class, work on memorizing this verse:

Psalm 147:5

God is perfect in power, knowledge, and in His holy love.
Before the next confirmation class, work on memorizing this verse:

**Psalm 147:5**

*Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.*
LESSON 3: “SIN & GRACE”

- EXPLORE -

Genesis 2:15-3:13; Romans 3:23; Romans 7:15-24

- REFLECT -

Sin and Grace: Defined
In your own words, write a one-sentence definition for each of the following words. Then answer the questions in the space below:

* sin / SIN / noun / Latin

* grace / GRAYS / noun / Latin

What is the relationship between sin and grace?

When was a time that you experienced grace?
- C R E A T E -

Grace Over Sin
Create a “grace-over-sin” piece of artwork on the next page.

First, select a light-colored marker and write the word sin 10-20 times, filling the space.

Then, select a dark-colored marker and repeatedly write the word grace, filling the space and covering the “sin.”

Be creative in the ways you write the words and the designs you make.

When you are done, share your piece of artwork with someone at your table.
LESSON 3: "SIN & GRACE"

TAKE HOME ASSIGNMENT

Each morning this week, read Romans 3:23-25 when you wake up. What does it feel like to be reminded of God's grace covering our sin every day?
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Lectio Divina (a.k.a. Divine Reading)
Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. - Deuteronomy 6:4-9

What word or phrase did you focus on?

Why?

How does this verse, speak to you today?
- BIBLE VERSE MEMORIZATION -

Before the next confirmation class, work on memorizing this verse:

**Romans 6:14**

*For sin shall no longer be your master because you are not under the law, but under grace.*
LESSON 4: “WHO IS JESUS?”

- EXPLORE -


- REFLECT -

Jesus in Context
Answer the following questions in your own words:

What does it mean to be fully human?

What does it mean to be fully divine?

What does it mean to be fully human and fully divine?
- CREATE -

An Illustrated Paradox
Use your creativity and draw a picture to illustrate each paradox. Then write three or five sentences on why it is important that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine.

[Blank space for drawing]

Fully wet and fully dry

Fully hot and fully cold
In your opinion, why is it important that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine?
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LESSON 4: “WHO IS JESUS?”
TAKE HOME ASSIGNMENT

- N E X T -

Have you ever wanted to pray but didn’t know how? Well, here is a practical tool that will empower you to start talking with God. It’s called the ACTS model.

**Adoration:** Give God praise and honor.
**Confession:** Tell God what is heavy on your heart.
**Thanksgiving:** Let God know what you’re grateful for.
**Supplication:** Pray for the needs of others

Write your own prayer, using the ACTS model:

- BIBLE VERSE MEMORIZATION –

Before the next confirmation class, work on memorizing this verse:

John 3:16  
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LESSON 5: “WHAT IS SALVATION?”

- EXPLORE -


- REFLECT -

Grace, Grace, Grace
Answer the following questions about grace:

- How would you explain grace to someone who had never heard of it before?

- What does it mean to you that God has been gracious towards you?
- CREATE -

Was, Is and Will Be

Answer the following questions in your own words:

Use your imagination and write what you think Job would have prayed in each scene from his story.

What is salvation?

What does it mean to be saved?

Salvation is not something that happens once. Salvation continues to happen in our lives both now and in the future. Using words or images, create a snapshot describing how you were saved, how you are being saved today, and how you anticipate God continuing to save you in the future. Do this on the next page:
"I was saved."

"I am being saved."

"I will be saved."
LESSON 5: “WHAT IS SALVATION?”
TAKE HOME ASSIGNMENT

- N E X T -

Go online and search for “salvation stories” or ask people to share their salvation stories on social media.

How do these stories speak to your own story?

What stories did you hear or find online?
In the book of Exodus, God liberates his people who are under oppression from Pharaoh. When you look at your community and our world, where do you see oppression? Journal about that oppression and what it would look like for God’s salvation to offer liberation from this oppression:
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1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.
LESSON 6: “WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?”

- EXPLORE -

John 14:15-17, 25-27; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 8:29-31; Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

- REFLECT -

I Ain't Afraid of No Ghost!
How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life?
Who You Gonna Call?

The Holy Spirit is always with us, as close as our very breath. Jesus reminds us that no matter what you are doing or where you find yourself, the Holy Spirit is our comforter.

Choose one of the scenarios below or come up with one of your own. Write it in the box in the middle of the next page.

Then write two paragraphs: one from you to the Holy Spirit, asking help in this situation, and the other from the Holy Spirit to you, providing comfort and encouragement in this situation.

Scenarios:
- You just found out you’re moving to a new city
- It’s your first day at a new school.
- Your boyfriend or girlfriend just broke up with you.
- Your best friend just betrayed you.
- You got in a huge fight with your parents.
- You failed a big test.

Hint: Choose a situation that you might actually experience. This way the words you write to and from the Holy Spirit will be words you can lean on now and in the future.
LESSON 6: "WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?"

TAKE HOME ASSIGNMENT

Isaiah 43:1-4, 10-13
Jeremiah 29:11-14; John 15:1-8
1 John 5:1-5

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**Romans 5:1**

_Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ._
BIBLE VERSE MEMORIZATION –

Before the next confirmation class, work on memorizing this verse:

Romans 5:1

We are pardoned by God, made part of God's family again, and given resurrection life and power.
LESSON 7: “LIFE AFTER DEATH”

- EXPLORER -

Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 8:35-9:1; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Revelation 21:1-8

- REFLECT -

The Next Place
For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. (Romans 14:7-9)

What do you think happens after we die?
Look! I’m creating a new heaven and a new earth: past events won’t be remembered; they won’t come to mind. (Isaiah 65:17)

In your own words describe the “new heaven” and the “new earth.”

-C R E A T E -

Heaven: Coming Soon to an Earth Near You!

Read the scripture on the next page. Then use your creativity to design a movie poster on the following page that brings these words to life.

(Be sure to include the title “Heaven: Coming Soon to an Earth Near You!” on your poster.)

When you are finished with your design, share it with someone at your table.
Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” (Revelation 21:1-5)
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TAKE HOME ASSIGNMENT

- N E X T -

Write a letter below to a family member, sharing with that family member one thing you learned about heaven in class today. Ask that same family member to share one thought or question about heaven or life after death.

Letter To Family:
What was the one thought or question your family member shared about heaven or life after death?

1 Corinthians 6:14

By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.
LESSON 8: “SPIRITUAL GIFTS”

- EXPLORE -

Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

- REFLECT -

What did I get?
What are the top three spiritual gifts that you connected with?

How have you already seen God using these gifts in your life?

- CREATE -

Design-A-Ministry
Use the open space on this page to write down ideas and make sketches for your design. The challenge is to create a ministry where you can use your spiritual gifts. Use the following questions as a guide and for inspiration:

Who would you help? What would you do? How would you bring love and justice to the world around you?

Come up with a name for this new ministry and design a poster on the next page describing what it is and what you do.

When you're finished, show your new ministry idea to your table and then to the class.
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Ask a family member or close friend whether he or she has ever felt led to do something out of the ordinary. Talk about how this choice affected others in the family. How did it work out?
Before the next confirmation class, work on memorizing this verse:

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.
Scripture Memorization

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Conclusion

Upon completion of **ALL** eight lessons, your take home assignments, and the memory verses, you are eligible to be confirmed on Confirmation Sunday. To complete this guide, Jayden or Fitz needs to look over your completed Student Guide and sign below:

Student’s Name:

Staff Signature: